

CYNTHIA RAWLS BOND

Cynthia Rawls Bond was born in Brownsville, Tennessee, daughter of the late Charles Allen and Maude Crofton Rawls.

In 1951, she graduated high school at St. Frances Academy in Baltimore, Maryland. She received a Bachelor's Degree from Fisk University in 1955 and a Master's Degree from New York University in 1956. She is a licensed funeral director.

She was employed at the Golden Circle of Life Insurance Company, home office Brownsville, Tennessee, in 1957 as Personnel Director. She later served as the Assistant Secretary and was made President in 1987, serving in that capacity until 2002. The insurance company was founded by her father, C.A. Rawls in 1950 and operated throughout Tennessee for 52 years. It ranked 9th of the 12 black owned insurance companies in the United States.

Currently, Mrs. Bond serves as President of the Rawls Funeral System. The funeral home has been rendering service in Brownsville/Haywood County since 1933. Three other funeral homes are in the Rawls System, in Paris, South Fulton and Union City, Tennessee. She is also a partner in the Golden Circle Insurance Agency, founded in 2001. It is a full service insurance agency.

Mrs. Bond is a member of the Insouth Bank Board of Directors; Lane College Trustee Board and the Tennessee Black Health Care Commission.

She is a former member of the State Board of Education; the Commission on the Future of the Tennessee Judicial System; the Judicial Evaluation Commission; the YMCA Local and Regional Boards and Birth Choice Advisory Board.

She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc; the Jackson Tennessee LINKS, Inc.; a Life Member of the Haywood County NAACP Branch; Chairperson of the Life Membership Committee and Jubilee Day Celebration. She is also a "special friend" at Eastside Elementary School.

In 1994, she was presented the first Avon N. Williams, Jr. Living Legend Award at the 20th Annual Legislative Retreat. In May 2002, she was awarded the Fisk University Alumni Achievement Award for service to the community.

She is the wife of Maltimore Bond and they are the parents of four children.